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## **NEW JERSEY POSTAL INSPECTOR SENTENCED IN MAIL FRAUD CASE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Assistant Attorney General Christopher A. Wray of the Criminal Division announced today that a United States Postal Inspector has been sentenced to prison for defrauding the United States by using his official position to carry out a mail fraud scheme.

Frank J. Aversa, 49, of Ridgewood, New Jersey, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Camden, New Jersey by U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle to 10 months in prison, fined \$10,000 and ordered to pay \$16,000 in restitution for his guilty plea in August 2004 to a charge of defrauding the United States.

In his guilty plea, Aversa admitted that, beginning in late 2003, he was principally engaged in the investigation of credit card fraud schemes as a United States Postal Inspector. Aversa used his official position to access a United States Postal Service mail depository from which he stole several individuals' credit cards. Aversa then used those individuals' personal information to obtain additional credit cards in their names. Aversa fraudulently charged more than \$19,000 worth of merchandise on the stolen credit cards for his personal benefit.

This case is being prosecuted by Trial Attorney James A. Crowell IV of the Public Integrity Section at the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, headed by Section Chief Noel Hillman, and investigated by the Internal Affairs Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office.

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